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FAMOUS SHAKESPEARIAN TROUPE, DUE AT THE AUDITORIUM ON OCTOBER 15



Setting out on its second coast-to-coast tour on October 10th, the Margaret Webster Shakespeare Company will roll into Northfield on October 15 for a performance of "Taming of the Shrew" at the Auditorium under the auspices of The Northfield Schools. Portraying featured roles in the forthcoming production will be Louisa Horton, Kendall Clark and David Lewis, all accomplished Broadway performers.

"The Taming of the Shrew" and "Julius Caesar" were chosen by popular demand of schools and colleges throughout the nation. The company, which last season set a milestone in theatrical road history, covering 40,000 miles, will again appear in 34 states, presenting some 300 performances. At the conclusion of their initial tour, Edwin Schloss reported in the Philadelphia Inquirer: "Miss Webster is one of the most distinguished Shakespearean directors of our time. In her current enterprise she is serving the Bard in a new and immensely interesting approach. The performances have movement, cohesion, vitality and persuasive Shakespearian stature."

Return engagements this year had to be limited to 70 percent in accordance with Miss Webster's desire to reach new audiences. A bus and specially constructed trailer truck, loaded to the roof with scenery, costumes and other paraphernalia, transports the 21 actors and 5 technicians who compose the troupe.

CHAIRMAN PARKER ANNOUNCES STATE TO START TREE PROJECT THIS FALL

Ernest A. Parker, chairman of the board of selectmen, has announced, following a meeting with state engineers, that work on removing many of Northfield's famed elms and maples would begin this fall.

This action is in line with proposals made by state authorities a short time ago that many of the trees along Northfield's Main street, have reached the point where they constitute a hazard to public safety. Some 25 of the giant trees will be removed, while others will be repaired and reinforced.

The state has made provisions to replace the trees removed and have further assured local authorities that they will make every effort not to mar or detract the beauty of the town.

Parker expects to meet with the state engineers in the near future for further discussion.

Troop Leaders Plan For Coming Year

W. W. Sanderson, chairman of the local Boy Scout Troop Committee and the two newly chosen scoutmaster, Robert Fuller and Paul Carpenter, will attend a meeting of Troop 2 of Greenfield this week.

The leaders of local Troop 9 are working out a broad program of scout activities for the coming year.

WEATHER STATION REPORT

The following report has been compiled at the weather station at the Northfield School for Girls:

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
Sept. 22	70	46	.05
23	59	54	.65
24	64	46	.35
25	63	34	
26	63	33	
27	69	37	
28	69	57	

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No Legion Banquet Plan For Later Date

Commander Ted Powell of the Haven H. Spencer Post 179 American Legion, has announced the postponement of the proposed banquet. The change was necessary because of conflicting dates.

The annual meeting of the Post will be held in the Legion rooms of the town hall on Thursday, Oct. 6, at which time banquet plans will be discussed.

Election of officers will take place at this time and Commander Powell has urged all members to be present.

Refreshments will be served.

White Elephant Sale At The Town Hall

The Girl Scout Troop Committee will hold a "White Elephant Auction" at the Town Hall on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7 p. m.

The list of articles for sale will include children's and adults' clothing, food, kitchen utensils, furniture, dishes and bric-a-brac. J. W. Field will be the auctioneer.

INFORMATION for VETERANS Questions - Answers

Q — I understand that the special NSLI dividend will be computed to the anniversary date in 1948. What is meant by "anniversary date?"

A — The anniversary date of your policy is the date upon which it became effective.

Q — What income provision is attached to the pension I will get as the widow of a veteran who died of a wound received in battle?

A — As the widow of a soldier who died in line of duty, you are entitled to compensation regardless of your income.

Q — How much is allowed a child whose father is taking a GI course? We are divorced and the father claims he is receiving no additional allowance for his child.

A — A veteran going to school under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (GI Bill) may receive \$75 if he is without dependents, \$105 with one dependent, and \$120 with more than one dependent, provided he makes application for the increased rate.

Q — About a year ago I divorced my wife on grounds of desertion. Can she claim part of the pension I am now receiving from the VA?

A — If the divorce terminated the marital relationship, your wife could not successfully claim a portion of your pension unless she successfully contests the divorce.

THE LAST ISSUE

Publication of the Northfield Press will cease with this issue.

Due to innumerable, and in some cases insurmountable, problems it has been necessary to bring to an end, at least under the present ownership, the publication of this paper.

The decision was not an easy one.

The significance and importance of this step is not lost with the present publisher and editor.

A newspaper is and will always be an important asset to any community, therefore all the more reason to look forward to the day when Northfield will once again have a local newspaper.

We thank the many readers who have become our friends and trust that this sudden act, necessary as it was, will be understood.

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CREDIT UNION REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK, PUBLIC HAS BEEN INVITED

Miss Agnes C. Gartland, managing Director of the Massachusetts CUNA Association, Inc., will visit Northfield on Monday, October 3, at 8 p. m.

She will speak at the "Friendship Center" Building and the public has been invited.

Miss Gartland will explain the operation of a Credit Union and she will also outline the methods of organization.

Credit Unions, originating in

Massachusetts under the sponsorship of Edward A. Filene, have now spread to practically every state in the union. Many great American industrial firms operate credit unions for employees, or more to the point these firms have allowed their development by employees.

It is expected that a number of interested townspeople will attend. A number of interested people from Bernardston have made arrangements to attend.

THE WAYFARER

By Gertrude C. Whitney

Returning to Pownal Center, Vermont for a brief visit, the Wayfarer took the bus over the Molly Stark Trail, remarking to herself,

"This is grander than the Mohawk Trail, because the view is more extended." The Wilmington Fair was in progress and twenty-five people, including babies in arms, alighted from the bus to attend it.

For the men, there would be horse-pulling, agricultural exhibits, for the women, the usual display of canned goods, needlework, and what more I did not learn. All roads led to Wilmington that day.

After we crossed the divide, the air was perceptibly cooler and the trees more or less in their fall dress. At Woodford, a young blind man boarded the bus alone, and I shall never forget the happy smile on his face as the driver led him to a seat. However, the motion of the bus lulled him to sleep and it really did not matter. He was missing no more asleep than awake. Perhaps there had been a time when he, too, had been able to enjoy the glorious mountain scenery. What had happened to him, I wondered — was it the dreadful toll of the last war?

— so young and strong, just one of thousands of others! Please God, may it never happen again to us! Pownal Center, sheltered among the hills, was the tiny village selected by the United Nations as typical of peace, and I was going there.

It was very quiet there, after the activities of the summer — many summer guests and a constant stream of motorists passing through. I found a warm welcome, even the goat seemed to remember me. It was pleasant having the neighbors drop in during the long evenings. Some of the young people are quite ambitious; one of them has already passed her flying test and hopes to be an air-hostess.

Vermont women are good cooks and huge fluffy pancakes with rich maple syrup and link sausages were "en regle." Coffee with naturally homogenized goat's milk was a novelty, but pleasing to the taste and called for two cups.

The week passed all too quickly and the morning I came away the Hoosac valley was grandly beautiful as we drove down to North Adams through Williamstown, following the river for miles. The sky was very blue and the fluffy white clouds seemed to have been laid like a thick roll of cotton wool across the cold mountain peaks.

While in North Adams, I took occasion to acquaint myself with the public library which occupies the stately Blackington mansion. On going to the railroad station, I walked down summer street and stopped at the post office to mail some cards. I was amused to see a bare-headed, white-haired woman poking in the wastebaskets. She explained that she was collecting used stamps for the orphanage. "I suppose I'm foolish," she said, "but I haven't anything to do and I might as well have this hobby as any." She isn't the only stamp scavenger, for many a boy has added to his collection in this undignified pursuit. The old adage, "What one person throws away, another can use" applies thereby the junk dealer, or the collector of antiques, seizes his opportunity — "a picker-up of unconsidered trifles," like Shakespeare's Autolycus, that charming rogue.

Finally, in returning along the tortuous Deerfield river, with its steep wooded banks already showing considerable color, but still so pitifully low, in spite of the recent rains, I said to myself, "The Mohawk Trail has a charm all its own. The vistas are not so extended but more closely picturesque."

VISITOR TO CAMIERS RETURNS WITH HIGH PRAISE FOR "GENEROUS" PEOPLE

Miss Erma V. Reynolds, a member of the French Department of the Northfield School for Girls, who recently returned from a summer in Europe termed her treatment in France as "amazingly generous."

Miss Reynolds spent nearly a week in the village of Camiers, France. This little French village was "adopted" by many of the residents and organizations of the

town of Northfield last year. She termed the people of that community as extremely grateful for the great help they received from many Northfield friends.

Miss Reynolds, as the visiting "American" was entertained and fêted throughout her stay in Camiers, and found time to make a complete tour of the "Sanatorium" in the community.

KAYAK FOUND, PRISONERS TRAIL COLD NO CONNECTION, SAYS THE SHERIFF

The 16 foot "kayak," stolen from the banks of the Connecticut River at the Valley Vista Inn in East Northfield on Sept. 8, was found this week a half mile south of French King bridge on the Millers Falls Side.

Harold Briesmaster reclaimed his boat and at the same time turned over the pair of much discussed sneakers to the State Police. The sneakers were found in a cottage on the Valley Vista Inn property

and were believed to have been left there by a pair of escaped prisoners on Sept. 8. However County Sheriff Michael W. Carroll has declared that neither the kayak nor the sneakers were connected with the Franklin County Jail break. This fact has not been established as a certainty, and the trail of the escaped prisoners has vanished, with the last clue having been found near Delaware.

MOODY INSTITUTE FILMS HERE FOR SHOWING AT TOWN HALL, OCT. 11

Vivid full-color scenes from astronomy and natural science are featured in "God of Creation," sound motion picture to be shown at the Northfield Town Hall, on Tuesday, October 11, at 6:30 and 8:30 with another scientific color film as a companion feature: "Voice of the Deep."

"God of Creation," produced by Dr. Irwin A. Moon in the Los Angeles laboratories of the Moody Institute of Science, is one of a series of evangelistic films which also includes "God of the Atom" and "Voice of the Deep."

The Character Guidance program recently set up by the armed forces is making use of these films as keynote of the program in the U. S. Air Force. As a result, it is expected that every man in the air force will see the films by the end of 1949. General Hoyt Vandenberg Chief of Staff of the U. S. Air Force, has commented, "In my opinion, these films and the story they tell are the best instruments to accomplish the Character Building program for the service."

In the opening section of "God of Creation," the audience travels to the stars to view the complexities of our own solar system. The astronomical photographs were taken through the giant 100-inch telescopes of Mount Wilson Observatory in southern California.

Lapse-time photography is utilized to demonstrate the beauties of natural science, as flower buds develop into full-blown blossoms in a few seconds on the screen. The metamorphosis of a caterpillar from worm to butterfly and the pollination of flowers are also shown.

Believed to be the first of their kind are natural color pictures of photosynthesis, the mysterious food-manufacturing process resulting from the action of sunlight on leaves.

Through photomicrography the audience peers into the microscopic world of a drop of water and observes the complexity of tiny organisms, enlarged more than a million times.

"God has created this complex world," says Dr. Moon at the end of the film, "but the miracle of all miracles is that this God loves us." He then explains God's plan of redemption for the world.

Garden Club Invites Public To Meeting

The Northfield Garden Club on Monday evening, October 3, will have Mrs. Frank White, of Brockton, Mass. as guest speaker. She will talk on "Color in the Garden from Spring to Fall" and will show kodachrome slides of gardens. She and her husband now conduct the White Landscape Service in Brockton. This October meeting in Alexander Hall is not only for members of the Garden Club but also open to friends - and possible members interested in landscaping their home grounds.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 6.
Haven H. Spencer Post Annual Meeting, 8 p. m.
Girl Scout White Elephant Sale, Town Hall, 7 p. m.
October 7.
CPC Meeting, Town Hall, 8 p. m.
Fortnightly Meeting, Alexander Hall, 3 p. m.
October 10.
P. T. A. Meeting, Alexander Hall.
October 11.
Color films at town hall, 6:30 and 8:30 p. m.

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Center School News

The following pupils are enrolled
in Mrs. Bolton's first grade: Patricia Amaden, Benjamin Archambo, Marsha Billings, Gregory Casey, Joseph Dizea, Carolyn Fish, Dennis Lanphear, Peter Leach, Sandra Nelson, Roger Reed, Joyce Roberts, Stephen Schryba, Edward Shearer, John Stacey, Donna Sweeney, Hazel Williams, and David Garson.

The following children have entered Mrs. Billings first grade: Carolyn Williams, Beatrice Clough, Richard Walker, Shirley Hartwell, Brenda Slater, Walter White, Brian Scott, Diane Leach, Kenneth Serene, Michele Panek, David Chamberlain, William Marcy, Winthrop Spencer, Morris Merrifield, Joyce Martin, Thomas Gelda, Hazel Scripture, and Farrel Carey. The first grade pupils are enjoying Textilms of Country Life. The Textilms are used with the reading readiness program.

Mrs. Martha Clough has been substituting for Mrs. Haack in the second grade for the first days of school. Mrs. Haack returned on Thursday. The second grade has been doing the following work:

Science Project: The second grade has been collecting insects for a nature study project. Several caterpillars have made cocoons, while another has formed a pupa. Everyone is eagerly waiting the day they will hatch. In addition the class has brought in crickets, bees, angle worms, spiders, and wasps. All these are displayed on our tables. Art: The second grade loves to draw and color. The art supervisor asked us for pictures of the fair. In addition to their own work, the pupils love to have the bulletin boards covered with pictures relating to farms and animal life. There is one section for "Things we like to do." This shows girls and boys playing. Another section is devoted to pictures of health and food. Reading and arithmetic: Most books for this age are related to that in which they are interested. Thus this work is about farms, animals, or other girls and boys and what they do.

There are two new comers in Mrs. Stebbins' room: Kenneth Buffum from Greenfield and Clifton Nadeau from Orange. This makes twenty-two pupils in Mrs. Stebbins' second grade.

There are 22 pupils in Miss Jackson's third grade as Hazel Joy Marcy is living at her grandmother's home.

There are 21 children in Miss Dalton's third grade. Johnathan Smith and James White, accompanied Monroe Smith to Lyme, N. H. over the week end. It was Jimmie's first experience living in a trailer. Kathy Doderhoff, spent the week end with her parents, visiting relatives in Greenfield, N. H. Gloria Clough celebrated her birthday last Friday night at the home of Mrs. Homer Browning, Sr. whose granddaughter Hazel Marcy's birthday was the same day. Both girls are third graders.

There are 23 pupils in Miss Tatum's grade four. Yvete Nadeau had come from Orange to live on the mountain. A Health Club was organized with Robert Ware as chairman. Lois Sechrist, Martha Miller, and John True were chosen captains of the three teams. Two football groups were organized for playground with Carey Casey and Allen Griswold as captains. Frank Stewart is leader this week of the remainder of the boys. Our first fire drill to familiarize the new pupils with our safety plans, was held on Tuesday morning. Children are enjoying the new jungle gym which was purchased with the money from the Belcher School fund and the General Center School Fund which is made up of proceeds from seed sales, photograph commissions, and other pupil activities. Robert Ware was bellringer last week and Harry White is this week. Some duties are: Marilyn Porter, flowers; Georgianna Miller, Paper and hostess; Frank Stewart and Alice Williams, cupboards; Harry White, fan; Ned Benney, candles; and Bradley Rogers, messenger.

There are 62 pupils in Mrs. Parker's grade five. In connection with Science, the fifth grade have collected, mounted and labelled weeds. The collection is on the bulletin board in Center School.

Lois Barnes from Great Barrington has entered Miss Braley's sixth grade which now has twenty-eight members. Twenty-one from the sixth grade attended the Franklin County Fair. Miss Dalton and Miss

First Production of "Faust"
In 1810, Goethe, who was then manager of the Ducal theater at Weimar, Germany, planned a production of "Faust," but it never materialized. After giving up the management of the court theater, he abandoned the project. Elsewhere, however, attempts were made to fashion the 4400 verses of the work to the needs of the stage. In 1819 some scenes from "Faust" were privately produced for the Count Radziwill in Berlin, and another private performance of several scenes was given in Breslau the following year. It was not until 1829, in Brunswick, that the first public performance of the play was given.

Double-Cropping

String beans, limas, tomatoes, beets and carrots are some of the vegetables that can be used to double-crop the garden spaces where early crops such as radishes, lettuce, peas and spring greens have been harvested. The yield from gardens in the weeks before frost plus the vegetables that can be stored or canned, can substitute mightily for scarcer foods in satisfying, healthful and nourishing meals for the family. Gardeners save money and conserve other foods by double-cropping with succession plantings.

Little Known Golf Rules

If a golfer is unlucky enough to slam his ball into a tree and have it strike him on the rebound, he can count on a penalty as well as a bruise. In match play, he loses the hole, and in medal play, he is charged with two additional strokes. If he should find his ball in a hazard, surrounded by sticks, twigs or other loose implements, he may not remove anything without incurring the same penalty.

To keep the most "garden goodness" in fruits and vegetables that are to be frozen, package them carefully. This point is stressed by Miss Frances O. Van Dyne, assistant professor of foods, University of Illinois college of agriculture.

Choose containers that can be sealed tightly and won't leak. Frozen foods are better when packaged in containers that are moisture-proof and vapor-proof. Miss Van Dyne explains. Otherwise the foods dry out and lose palatability.

Cartons come in a variety of types and shapes. Rectangular or square cartons may have inner linings or have a waxed plastic finish; some are made for use with cellophane bags. Most of these are sealable with heat—by pressing together edges of covering material with an electric iron or a hand iron. The cartons are generally easy to handle and store. Waxed cups are convenient, but the seal on the set-in lid isn't moisture- or vapor-proof.

Before sealing a filled carton or bag, wipe inside edges with a clean cloth to remove moisture that would prevent a tight seal. Also press out all possible air from top of bag, then heat-seal tightly. Or you may like the pressure tapes for sealing; they have an adhesive substance on one side so that they can be stuck on edges of bags and cartons.

Ambitious Illinois Plan Gives Reforestation Boost

Although the two state forest tree nurseries in Illinois will distribute 5,000,000 seedlings in 1948, production plans call for an output of 15,000,000 annually within the next few years to meet estimated reforestation demands, according to the University of Illinois bureau of economic and business research. Almost 50 per cent of the state's 35,000,000 acres originally was forested. This acreage had been reduced to 10 per cent a few years ago, and Illinois had more than 3,000,000 acres of marginal, gullied, or idle land better suited economically to the production of forest crops than to any other agricultural use.

Realization of these facts caused Illinois to look to the future. The two state forest tree nurseries, now ranked among the best in the United States, began distributing forest trees on a practical scale in 1935, with the work in charge of the division of forestry, department of conservation.

The nurseries have distributed 48,000,000 trees and wildlife plants at cost to farmers, sportsmen's clubs, coal strip mines, schools, town forests, and other landowners or state forests.

Trees obtained from the state, must be used only for reforestation and erosion control. Seedlings are sold at \$5 a thousand; transplants, at \$10 a thousand.

Braley visited Old Sturbridge Village, at Northampton Horse Show. Ronald Quinlan recently won two first prizes and the championship. "Music Everywhere" is the name of the new sixth grade music book. They also have new English work books. The sixth grade has organized "The Jolly Classroom Club" and elected the following officers: President, Nancy Mann; Vice-President, Ann Parker; Secretary, Nancy Buffum; Treasurer, Richard Wood. Two sixth grade pupils help for twenty minutes each day in the lunchroom. Basement monitors this week are Stephanie Horton, Lois Barnes, Andrew Sheldon and Gerald Stebbins.

GRAZIANO IS BACK MAY FIGHT CERDAN

Rocky Graziano is neither a model citizen nor a mental giant, which probably explains why he has always considered a T-shirt and a slipover sweater the height of fashion. Under suspension for the past 15 months for failing to report a bribe he didn't accept to throw a fight that never was held, Rocky is a classic example of justice as administered by the New York State Athletic Commission.

When they sent Graziano into exile they shipped him further away than anyone possibly imagined. Out of action for more than a year, except for four rounds against the sleaziest kind of competition, Rocky hadn't fought a good fight since 1947 when he knocked out Tony Zale. But he was back now — back in the ring at Madison Square Garden — and sitting across from him was Charlie Fusari.

Rocky Comes Back

For nine rounds against Fusari, who scored a spectacular knockout over Vince Foster back in May, Graziano was off his target. And then all of a sudden Rocky was home. In the tenth he stopped trying to impersonate a boxer and slugged Fusari into unconsciousness. You could see in the dressing room afterwards that Rocky was glad to be back.

"Tonight meant more to me than the championship of the world," he said. "A whole lot more." Graziano meant it too, as only a kid familiar with the pavements of New York's Second Avenue could mean it. Rocky was home and all was forgiven. What more could a guy want?

Around boxing circles Graziano is known as something of a character. Rocky doesn't punch like an ordinary fighter and lit out for the hills. The Army called it a discreditable performance — right here it is reasonable to assume that no privates were called in to assist with the decision — but when they brought Rocky back it was for a one year hitch at Leavenworth.

Everybody Wants Him

Thereupon the Illinois State Boxing Commission met and adopted a rule barring from Illinois rings all fighters holding dishonorable discharges. Now that Graziano has been scrubbed until he fairly sparkles, celebrating his return to New York rings with a victory over Charlie Fusari, everybody wants him.

He is probably the most popular guy wearing boxing gloves today.

The grapevine has it that Rocky's next fight will be against former middleweight champion Marcel Cerdan, a title Graziano also owned for awhile. His manager, Irving Cohen, says he won't fight again for another two months. Chances are Cohen wants to make sure that Rocky is ready before he tackles Cerdan.

Meanwhile, Graziano has expressed a desire for a new wardrobe. "Hey," says Rocky, "I might even get me a couple of them new open toed sport shirts!"

(Phil Elderkin can be heard regularly over radio station WKOX in Framingham.)

Evening of Entertainment

Once Graziano climbs between the ropes, prepared for an evening of entertainment — because that's exactly what it is to Rocky — he begins throwing punches from deep right field. He has no defense to speak of and he long ago formed the opinion that for him, at least, it was good business to take two punches in order to get in one.

This is excellent strategy, of course, when you're playing around with somebody like Charlie Fusari because Charlie can't punch much anyway. But whenever Graziano comes up against a skillful boxer his own size, he invariably winds up flat on his knicker.

Sex Hormones May Reduce Swine Production Problems

Skilled use of sex hormones in hogs offers a possibility of bringing more pork to American dinner tables and of easing the multiple problems of swine production at the same time, according to a report in a national veterinary journal.

Dr. L. M. Hutchings of Purdue university, writing in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, said this hormone technique was developed by Professors H. H. Cole and E. H. Hughes of the University of California.

Injection of the hormone, equine gonadotropin, into sows after the fortieth day of lactation shortened as much as two to four weeks the period between successive farrowings, Dr. Hutchings stated.

In addition to shortening the farrowing season, use of the hormone would allow greater lifetime production per breeding animal—at least one extra litter per sow—provided farmers could adjust their feeding and management schedules to meet the stepped-up production program.

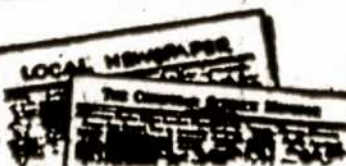
Effectiveness of the hormone is attributed to its marked stimulating action on the ovaries. In the hands of experts, it was over 95 per cent efficient in bringing about desired results, the writer said.

When Young Men Went West

Our great Northwest is important as the place where organized United States government first reached the Pacific ocean. This happened 100 years ago—only 73 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. On August 14, 1848, President James Polk created Oregon territory, a mammoth province from which the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and parts of Wyoming and Montana were later carved. Orderly government reached the Oregon country by wagon. Hardly had serious-minded farmers and ranchers whipped their oxen over the last mile of Oregon trail before they had set up a provisional government at Champos, near Portland, Ore., in 1843. In one jump they projected the nation's frontier 2,000

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IT'S MY OPINION

by Dick Cormier

This week, I'd like to dedicate my column to those among us who feel that in order to find real natural beauty, one must travel to the Swiss Alps, the Scotch Highlands or perhaps to the Andes in South America. I wonder if any of them have ever stood atop Mt. Wachusett on a fall day, looked down on the spectacle of rainbow trees, silver streams, dusky hills and silent vilalges? Here is a sight which would satisfy even the most aesthetical critic, if he would but admit that such could be found within his very grasp.

Another scene which is often cast aside as merely routine by our "lovers of nature", is the ride along the Mohawk and Taconic Trails in the Northern part of our own state. Here, again the picture varies with the season. In the spring and summer, the road is literally lined with velvet shade and a wall and ceiling of immense oaks, elms, maples, pines and various other pillars of nature. During the fall, these same trees begin the change from summer to winter, by first exchanging their greens for reds, yellows and browns. Then in a few days, the air is a mass of swirling color as the trees shed their leaves and prepare for winter.

After the first snow fall, the once colorful trees raise their snow-capped heads in defiance of the wintry blasts. Even now, they may conspire with the sun to dazzle the countryside with their beauty, for who ever saw anything more soul-pleasing than trees which are blanketed in wet snow and fighting a loosing battle with the sun to keep their icy coats?

As a matter of fact, we need travel no further than our own streets to view many of these same sights. Yet, when someone mentions the subject of Nature's bounty, we inevitably sigh and wish for a chance to see Paris in the Spring or the Alps in June. Just a little odd, isn't it?

Of all the local sights which are open for public inspection and appreciation, there is one which stands head and shoulders above the rest in my opinion. This is the beautiful and inspiring "Cathedral in The Pines" in nearby Rindge, New Hampshire. Many of you, though you have not seen it, are familiar with the Cathedral, for it has received much National acclaim. It is the result of a movement started by a fond mother and father who lost their only son in World War II. Their son, Sandy Sloan, had been planning to enter the ministry when the war came. For many years, he had found comfort and pleasure in meditating on a pine knoll owned by his folks. As a matter of fact, he had intended to build a chapel there after he had been received into the clergy.

When word was received of his death, his parents thought immediately of Sandy's dream church, and they resolved to erect a chapel as a tribute to their beloved son. At first, it was to be only a small wooden memorial, but when the people of Rindge learned of the project, they were so impressed that they sought to join in and make it a public spot of devotion. The idea spread rapidly and it was decided to build the Cathedral of rock and make it open-air. Soon, stones were coming from all corners of the world; from men of great political and international prominence as well as from ordinary citizens. Everyone wanted to become a part of Sandy's dream and they did, for every stone, large and small, has its place in the Church on the hill.

If any of you should find time to visit the Cathedral, you will find a kindly man of about fifty-five who knows the story behind every rock in the Chapel. He is white-haired and has a personality that makes you like him right from the start. As you listen to him telling of the Cathedral and its stones, you'll realize that Sandy's father is really proud of what the people of the world have done, for that white haired gentleman is Mr. Sloan.

Just to mention a few, there are stones from the old China Wall, one sent by General Eisenhower, another from General Marshall, and still another from General MacArthur. The one from General MacArthur was taken from the airfield on which he landed the day he arrived in Japan to take over its occupation and it is a tribute to all the men who fought in the Pacific area during World War II. There is a piece of the Blarney Stone, one from the Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome, part of the original Harvard steps with the date of Harvard's opening inscribed in it. Three of the stones have natural formations in them which take the shape of crosses. Next to them are pieces of rock from every country in the world and every state in the U. S.

Aside from its stones and their stories, the Cathedral affords a visitor a magnificent view. Looking over the altar, Mt. Kearsarge is dimly visible to the right, Mt. Monadnock is straight ahead and to the left you can see the Green Mountains of Vermont, 128 miles distant. The horizon is broken by many less famous hills and below, a beautiful reservoir glides leisurely by. At dusk on a clear Autumn day, a beautiful deep purple haze settles over them and the resulting sight is beautiful. Perhaps the whole scene is best summed up in the words of a woman who was there last Sunday. "I've been around the World eight times and never saw anything so beautiful."

So you see, it isn't necessary to hunt for beauty, some of the most beautiful sights in the world are right at our fingertips if we but reach for them.

Bruins Hockey Games To Be Televised Again

BOSTON — All thirty-five home games of the Boston Bruins will be televised over WBZ-TV beginning October 16.

As was the case last season, the third period of the Bruins games will be telecast starting at 10 p.m. with veteran hockey announcer Frank Ryan handling the play-by-play account.

Ryan, who broadcast the first hockey game in radio history over WBZ when the Bruins met the Montreal Maroons on Dec. 1, 1924, will be joined this season by WBZ-TV sportscaster Bump Hadley, who will give color and assist in interviewing sports personalities.

Hadley thus moves from the Red Sox and Braves telecast to the hockey telecast, which will begin earlier this season because the National Hockey League teams are all playing a 70-game schedule.

One of the expected improvements in hockey telecasts this year, according to WBZ-TV engineers, is the use of the newest type image orthicon tube which will be used in the cameras while covering the 1949-1950 hockey telecasts.

The Bruins home schedule calls for 18 Sunday night games; 11 on Wednesday and 6 on Saturday. The opening telecast pits the Bruins against the New York Rangers.

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After verifying the facts, the Home Service worker sent a telegram to the Red Cross field director at the boy's camp, telling of the father's request and of the offer of the twenty-five dollars he could so ill afford. The following day she received an answering wire from the field director:

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Often the need is not for financial aid but for help with the unexpected problems that may hit any family and are more acute when the head of the family is thousands of miles away.

It was so with an Air Force sergeant who reenlisted after overseas combat service. He left his wife and children in Kentucky on a farm with his mother-in-law. He also left 25 head of cattle, through which the family income would be supplemented. He thought his family secure for the 8 years of his new enlistment. Then disaster struck. The wife's mother became ill and was compelled to sell the farm and go to live with a distant sister. This left the sergeant's family without housing, and 25 head of cattle without care.

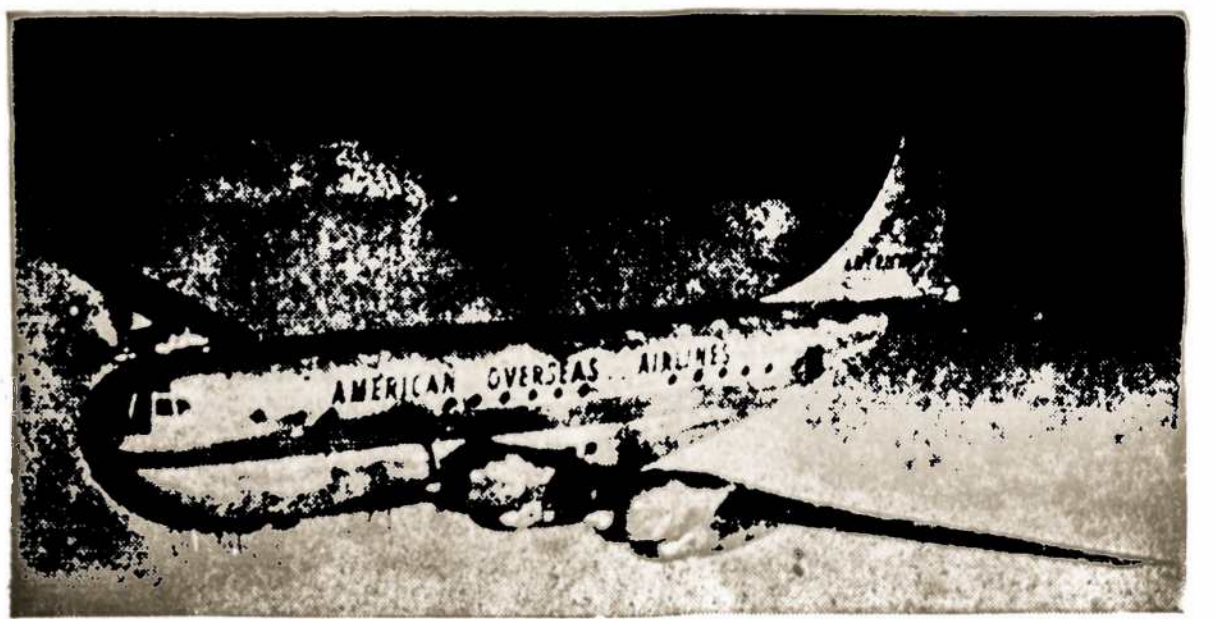
The Red Cross helped the soldier get emergency leave, helped him find suitable living quarters for his wife, and arranged for quick sale of his livestock. The sergeant then returned to duty, content in the knowledge that his wife and two small children were provided for.

Often, the need for help extends beyond the time a man is separated from the service. If, as a veteran, the man and his family continue to need aid, the chapter is ready to help.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY BROTHERHOOD MEET AT DEERFIELD ACADEMY NEXT MONTH

The Franklin County Brotherhoods and Men's Clubs will be the guests of Headmaster Frank Boyden at Deerfield Academy in Old Deerfield on Monday, October 10. Dinner will be served at 6:30, with the program following. Dr. J. H. Miller, President of American



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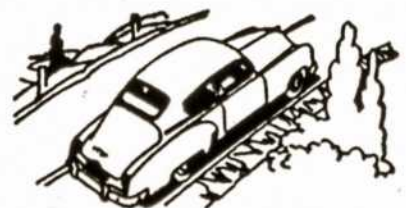
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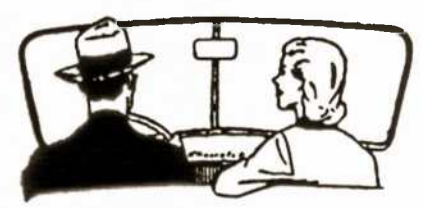
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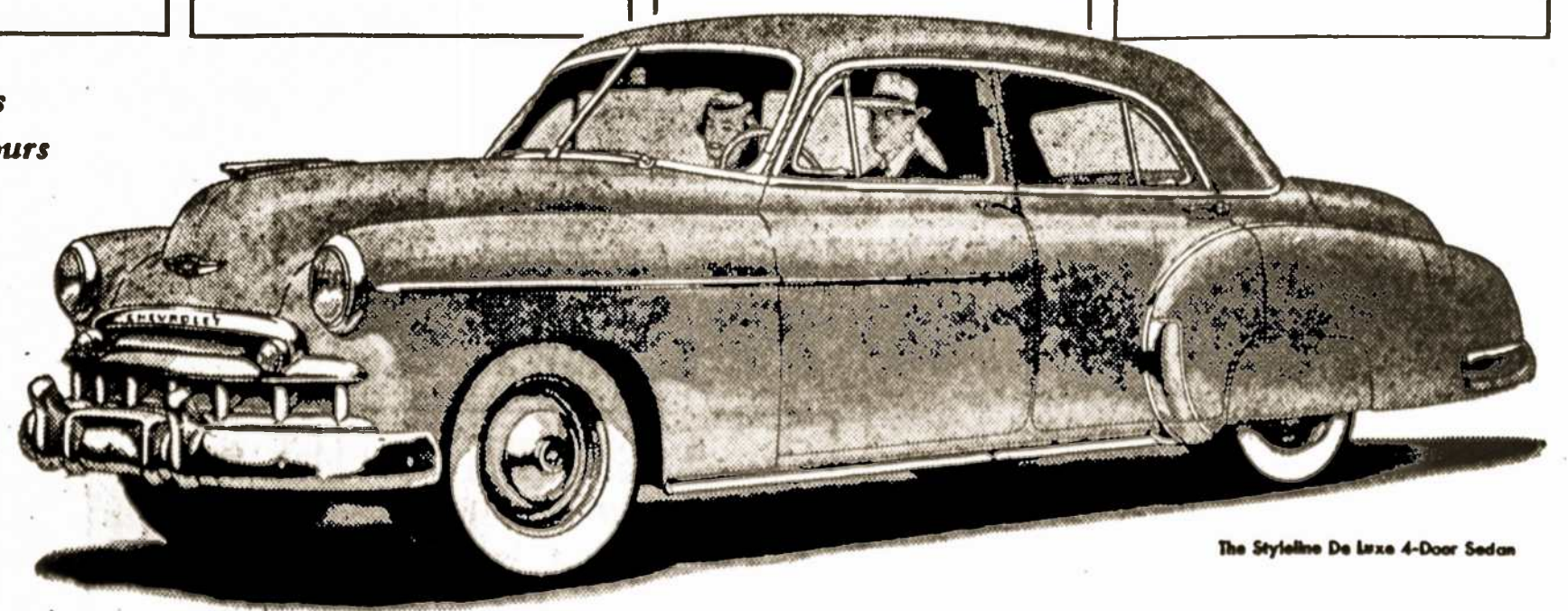
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WHAT'S THE SCORE

By Dick Cormier

Another ball season is running out the string, and once more, we are all looking forward to a great World Series. As I'm writing this, no one knows just who will be playing in this year's fall classic, but I hope and believe that it will be Boston and Brooklyn. However, regardless of who plays, I wonder if kids twenty years from now will look back with awe upon the performance of Ted Williams, Joe Page, Jackie Robinson, Stan Musial or some other 1949 star? You know, in past years, the World Series has had a habit of pointing destiny's finger at a ball player and preserving his name for posterity. To some, it was their last great effort, for others, it was just another day they'd like to forget.

Take the case of Grover Cleveland Alexander. Old Pete had pitched his share of good ball games, but it took just ten minutes of one World Series to make him an all time great. The aging veteran shuffled in from the St. Louis bull pen and after a few warm up pitches, struck out Tony Lazzari with the bases loaded to win a championship. The one and only Babe Ruth had his great moment also. He had a couple of rough series, but in one last defiant gesture, he helped seal his immortality. Of course, I have reference to Ruth's dramatic "called" homer in the series against the Cubs. Here was a man who would have lived on and on regardless of what he did in the Chicago-New York clash, but that one home run was like frosting on a cake. Today, it remains as a single testimonial to his greatness.

In 1941, the Yankees appeared to be having the best of things until another oldster, Fat Freddie Fitzsimmons took his turn. In short order, he had them eating out of his hand. Freddie was another consistent and a good performer who had been cheated out of his crack at fame until it was almost too late. Then, with victory at his finger tips, Dame Fortune stepped in and this belated opportunity was snatched away at the crack of a bat. Joltin' Joe Dimaggio lined a terrific smash off Fred's leg and the disappointed Fitzsimmons was forced to retire. It was in the same series that another Brooklyn player earned the dubious distinction of dropping an important third strike and thereby costing the Bums an important game. Remember Mickey Owen?

In the series of '42, the line-ups contained such names as Dickey, Moore, Dimaggio, Crossetti, Mize and Ruffing, but when the smoke of battle cleared, an unsung rookie had captured the winner's laurel for the Cards with his great clutch pitching. Three times he trudged in from the St. Louis bull pen, and three times he worked his way out of trouble with guts. Over night he became a World Series star. Since that 1942 series, Blix Donnelly has had his ups and downs, but whenever fans gather round the cracker barrel and start talking baseball his name is bound to be mentioned.

Will any of us ever forget that fatal last play of the 1946 World Series? One fellow who won't forget is Johnny Pesky. The luckless Pesky held a throw from centerfielder Culberson while Enos Slaughter sprinted all the way from first on a single. Now that the dust has cleared away, and the Sox came out only second best, many people have come up with explanations as to why Johnny didn't throw the ball home. It's a little late, but I'd like to add mine. It was a World Series; Slaughter and the Red Birds were guided by destiny. Pesky and the Sox weren't.

Of all the World Series performances on record, I'd like to point out one as the all time all timer. Again the teams were the Cardinals and the Yankees. It was the fourth game and big Mort Cooper, the Cardinal ace, was slated to face the Yanks. On the morning of the game, Billy Southworth called Mort and his brother Walker into his office and Mort learned of his father's death. Billy told Mort that he didn't have to pitch if he felt that he couldn't. Without a moment's hesitation, Mort replied, "No thanks, Billy, I'm going to pitch. Pop would want me to." And pitch he did! He pinned a defeat on the Yanks that ranks in my book as the greatest in World Series history. There have been games that were much better from a standpoint of bas hits and errors, but this game was a study in guts.

Yes, it's World Series time again and in a short time, we'll be toasting new heroes and roasting some unfortunate goat. I have no preference in the "goat" department, but wouldn't it be a fitting tribute to a great ball player, who may not be around much longer, if the 1949 hero is Bobby Doerr?

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But nothing much has been said about the fact that the Yankees had almost as good a team on the bench as they had on the field. Hank Bauer and Gene Woodling have been substitute outfielders, and when they came through, it was hailed as sensational. Actually, Bauer and Woodling are good outfielders, who could make more than half the teams in the major leagues. As a matter of fact, either could be a regular with any team except the Yankees and the Red Sox.

At least 12 of the 16 major league clubs could use Dick Krychowiak at first, and yet, he was only a substitute with New York. Snuffy Starnweiss is practically an all-star second baseman—he was the all-star second baseman a couple of years ago—but he's riding the Yankee bench in favor of rookie Jerry Coleman.

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10:00 a.m., Young People's Forum. Miss Sophie Servaes is teaching a course on the book of Genesis.

11:00 a.m., Public Worship. Observance of World Wide Communion Sunday. Sermon subject: "Our Christian World Mission." Preschool age children attended by Mrs. Fred Bolton.

6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. Miss Marion Allen will lead a discussion on "How a Christian Decides Between Right and Wrong." All teen-age young people invited.

Boys and girls who do not have their Go-To-Church-Band cards should get them on this Sunday from Mrs. Bernard Whitney. She will be in the Pilgrim Fellowship room at the close of the morning worship service.

Thursday, October 6, The Ladies Sewing Society meets in the vestry on Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

COMING EVENTS

October 9,

Supper meeting for all parents or children in the Church School and all attendants of the 20 - 45

Club, seven o'clock. October 10, Franklin County Brotherhoods meeting at Deerfield Academy. Supper served at 6:30.

October 12, 6:30 p.m., Supper and Annual Business meeting.

October 22, 7:30 p.m., Congressman Walter H. Judd, formerly medical missionary to China, will speak in our church.

October 23, 4:00 p.m., Piano Concert in our church by Miss Gloria Savchiff in memory of Miss Helen Savchiff for the benefit of the New Church Building Fund.

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